September 5, 2018

Dear 1973 Classmates,

Let the countdown begin to our 50th reunion in 2023!

But first, we want to thank the class officers and reunion volunteers who brought us to the amazing celebration of our 45th reunion, June 8-10, 2018. We are so grateful to our 2013-2018 class officers:

- Martha Reilly Hinchman, President;
- Marsha Williams, Vice President;
- Jane Strauss, Treasurer;
- Paula Butturini, Secretary;
- Elsie Dunlap Henderson, Class Representative;
- and Susan Remmer Ryzewic, Planned Giving Representative

And so appreciative of our 45th reunion co-chairs, Hallie Stephenson Lee and Beth Pfeiffer and their more than 20 reunion committee volunteers.

We had a fantastic turnout for our 45th reunion in June: 159 classmates and 50 guests enjoyed the wonderful programming and events for 1973 — and the spectacular weather was an added bonus. Our classmates came from 39 states and 10 countries. The dinners were a great time to catch up with classmates. We laughed with Jane Condon on Friday night. Paula Johnson stopped by our Saturday dinner. We enjoyed several “pop up” discussions and a longer class conversation on “What About Me.” The alumnae parade is always a highlight — but we are certainly inching up in the parade line! Check out the record book for our 45th reunion here: [http://www.wellesley.edu/sites/default/files/assets/departments/alumnae/1973_45th_reunion_rb-final-hi-res_0.pdf](http://www.wellesley.edu/sites/default/files/assets/departments/alumnae/1973_45th_reunion_rb-final-hi-res_0.pdf). Thank you to Betsey Maupin and Robin Ingraham Farabaugh and their team for an outstanding record book.
A heartfelt thank you to so many classmates who contributed to the Wellesley Fund over the last 5 years. Wow — 75% (301 donors) of our class contributed over the last 5 years, with gifts for the 45th reunion totaling more than $8 million over the last 5 years. Special thanks to the 19 anonymous classmates who underwrote a challenge match to help us reach out record-setting participation results. And thank you to Elsie Henderson and Jane Risser for an amazing job leading our class fundraising.

We’d like to introduce your 1973 class officers for 2018-2023:
Lynne Miller, President; Nancy Beren, Vice President; Dana Stevenson Lang, Treasurer; Betsey Maupin, Secretary; Jane Risser, Class Representative; and Susan Remmer Ryzewic, Planned Giving Representative (taking on this role again!)

We would appreciate your assistance and input in several areas:

1. Consider joining the private (access-controlled) Facebook group for 1973. You’ll find many comments and photos from reunion and updates from classmates. 160 members of our class (and even Maud Chaplin too) have joined. Betsey Maupin and Kathleen Conklin are the administrators and will accept you into the group.
   
   https://www.facebook.com/groups/WellesleyCollege1973/


3. Think about hosting a mini-reunion in your area for 1973ers. Nancy Beren will be the point person for the mini-reunions. She’ll help identify mini-reunion hosts — and will guide volunteers to host a simple lunch or brunch, a get together with a local Wellesley Club event, an outing, etc. Contact Nancy if you are interested in hosting a mini-reunion.
   nancyberen@gmail.com

4. Thank you to so many of you who signed up at the Claflin desk at our 45th to help with the 50th! We’ll be working on needs over the next year and of course will reach out to those who have already volunteered — and would love to hear from more classmates. There are lots of jobs — big and small for our 50th reunion.
5. Log in periodically to the 1973 page on the Alumnae Association website: [https://1973.alum.wellesley.edu](https://1973.alum.wellesley.edu). We’ll archive newsletters and post news. You’ll need to log into “My Wellesley Community.” While logged in, update your profile — we want to make sure we have your most current contact information. About 20 classmates updated their emails on a list at Claflin and these have been recorded with the Alumnae Association.

6. Send Betsey Maupin news items for posting on the 1973 site and also for the class notes in the Wellesley Alumnae Magazine. Thanks to several of you who sent in news for the next issue. elizabethmaupin@gmail.com

7. Please keep Beth Pfeiffer (our 45th Reunion Co-Chair, Past Class President, Past Trustee, among other College leadership roles) in your thoughts and prayers. Beth shared on the 1973 Facebook page that she just had tumors removed from her brain. Beth is posting health updates at [https://posthope.org/out-of-the-blue](https://posthope.org/out-of-the-blue)

We want to meet YOUR needs, so please reach out to any of the class officers. We have a kick-off call in a few weeks, and then we’re off to campus for training in mid-October. We’ll continue to keep you updated on news important to 1973.

I know I speak for all the class officers in saying that it is an honor to be serving this amazing class.

Warm regards,
Lynne Miller
1973 Class President
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